Practice Area Topics I

Course Description and Information

I. Course Description
   This class will be devoted to teaching “How to” in a variety of subjects that will match the needs of firm clients. Every second week a new practice area will be introduced, with guest lecturers who specialize in that area. In the alternate week, readings in the area will be analyzed and applied to the fellows’ docket of matters in that area. Topics will be chosen among landlord-tenant law, commercial contract drafting and review, disability and veterans’ rights, matrimonial law, immigration law, employment discrimination and criminal defense. This course is limited to post-doctoral fellows, practicing in the Law School’s post-doctorate fellowship program, and will use actual cases from that program as a basis for study.

II. Prerequisites
   There are no course prerequisites, although students in this class must be admitted to the post doctorate fellowship program, and must be admitted to practice law.

III. Objective
   To expose each fellow to a wide range of practice areas, both in the litigation and transactional contexts, and provide sufficient background in each to give a measure of confidence in all the fellows as they begin client representation in otherwise unfamiliar areas.

IV. Methods of Instruction
   This class will be fashioned as a seminar, with guest lecturers providing instruction in their areas of specialty for about half of the class sessions.

V. Attendance
   It is expected that all fellows will participate in all seminars.

VI. Methods of Evaluation
   There is no final exam. Students are expected to keep files and develop forms related to each practice area studied. Grading will be on the basis of the files prepared in the course of the semester and on seminar participation.